

# Daily Eagle

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Today is claimed to be the shortest day in the year, though there is but a few minutes difference in the length of days this week.

Level headed Jim Legate declares that "the odious metropolitan police law shall be abolished, or applied to every city in the state." That's the doctrine, Jim; stick to it. The EAGLE is with you and you have the right on your side.

Following the example of the Boston women in interesting themselves in educational matters, the women of Chicago propose to have the compulsory education law of that city enforced henceforth. They realize that something must be done to check the constantly swelling tide of crimes and misdemeanors in that city and have concluded that the most effective remedy lies in a higher order of intelligence. They are not far off in that.

The New York World, assuming that 7,000 Democrats in the state of New York voted for Harrison, invited all Democrats who voted against Mr. Cleveland's election to give in writing their reasons therefor. So far fifty-three reasons. Some are most ridiculous. One opposed the president's re-election because he went into the woods hunting and fishing "and lived like a bear," two admitted that they were bought, but the greater number because he was not a true Democrat.

Several newspapers seem to have succeeded in missing a very plain point. No serious politician in South Carolina or Alabama or Louisiana proposes to disfranchise the negro as a negro. Before that could be done it would be necessary to get the fifteenth amendment out of the constitution. What some persons in each of the states mentioned do have under consideration is such an amendment of the state constitution as will make the ability to read and write a prerequisite for voting in the case of all otherwise qualified citizens, white and black alike.

If anybody, as a joke or a sensation should think that Satan had severed his chains and was sweeping across the land in a swirl of flame, in less than three days the matter would be in sulphuric language appear in the Associated Press dispatches under a Wichita date. That hoodooed girl out in Kingman is now swinging through a dispatch dated Wichita, stark naked, her hands tied to the rafters with a pot of blazing tar beneath her heels, with legs burned to a crisp. In a few days she will be in a bad way if she keeps on, which she no doubt will.

A legal decision of great importance to the national banks has just been made by the Nebraska supreme court in the case of the Schuyler National bank vs. Bailing. Bailing brought suit under sections 5,197 and 5,198 of the United States revised statutes to recover an amount of usurious interest paid. The court held the state courts of record had jurisdiction; that where usurious interest is taken from the face of a note by a national bank it can recover only the face of the note, less the usurious interest, and that where usurious interest has been paid in advance the borrower can recover double the amount of interest so paid.

Philologists, patriots and sentimentalists are searching for a proper name for the new northwestern state that is soon to be taken into the union. Our states, so far, with few exceptions, have had original names, while our colonies and towns have very largely borrowed their names from some person here or some place abroad. Why not change about in this case and let the new state have an old name? Try Catalonia, for example. Its delicate yet unmistakable suggestion of the cattle interest would commend it to all who herd it, so to speak, and the lean agent would take up the smile before it had faded from the countenance of the cow boy. Let us have Catalonia—cattle, lions and all. She can send her cattle here, and we'll send our lions there, and as for the interest we shall take in the new state, she can rest assured it will be all the law allows.

A week ago Laredo was very proud of having one of the show jails of Texas. It isn't so proud now. About a month ago the occupants of the cage developed a sudden fondness for singing hymns. They kept up the musical entertainment night after night, keeping time with their feet and occasionally dancing a little by way of variety. Under cover of this racket they saved and filed a hole through the iron floor of the cage. Then they tunneled their way out into the jail enclosure, lay in wait for the jailer, tapped him on the head with a chunk of iron, got the keys, let themselves out, locked the door behind them and made tracks for Mexico, a quarter of a mile away. Half an hour or so afterward the yelling of the petty prisoners left behind attracted the attention of a passer-by, who went for the sheriff, but it was then too late for hopeful pursuit. As the runaways took the keys along, the Laredo authorities have deemed it prudent to put in new locks.

A short time ago it was stated that in all probability the president would make effort to represent New Jersey in the United States senate, and later reports to the effect that he will take up his residence at Orange, that state, after the expiration of his presidential term gives color to the first rumor. Politics aside, his knowledge of public affairs gained during his four years as chief executive, would give him an advantage over a new inexperienced man, and it seems to be understood that Senator Blodgett will not be returned. All such speculations are, of course, based upon the supposition that the Democrats will continue to control the state legislature, which is by no means certain. The political complexion of both New Jersey and Connecticut is largely controlled by that of New York, and now that that state is on the Republican side probably to remain indefinitely, it is not unreasonable to expect those states to follow suit. It is by no means certain, therefore, that Mr. Cleveland will find his way into the senate by way of New Jersey.

## RAILROAD ENTANGLEMENTS.

The railroads of the country are evidently in a demoralized condition. Taking Chicago as a pivot point it is a question whether the roads east or west of it are in the worst condition. The forbidding of pooling by the interstate law, according to railroad managers, is the primal difficulty. Without the pool, they say, it is impossible to make railroad companies stand up to any fixed schedule of rates, no matter how positively they may agree to do so in their conferences. As a consequence, a strong influence, backed by a stronger lobby, is to be brought to bear on congress to secure not only the repeal of that clause of the law, but to distinctly recognize and legalize the pool.

On the other hand, the interstate commission, speaking through its chairman, the venerable and learned Judge Cooley, has been talking to the railroad managers in Chicago in a most impressive manner. He said that the law, the provision against pooling included, is a good one, and instead of being repealed or modified should be strengthened in all its provisions, and that it is the intention of the commission to enforce it more stringently than it has been enforced heretofore. In fact, he read the riot act to them, told them that their companies had not been obeying the law in good faith and intimated that the difficulties with which they were surrounded were of their own creation for the purpose of affecting public sentiment and securing the modification or repeal of the law.

In the meantime, all sorts of remedies are suggested. One is a railroad trust, similar in its provisions to the Standard Oil trust. Another is a syndicate to operate all the roads west of Chicago, guaranteeing to their stockholders a dividend of 5 per cent. Still another is for the banking companies that have been advancing money to the railroads for building and extension purposes, to demand the deposit of the controlling interest of their stock with some designated institution, thus securing at least good faith in regard to compliance with agreements made by them. It is evident that a crisis has been reached in railroad management and that congress will have to take hold of the companies and regulate them in earnest, or repeal all existing laws and allow them to regulate themselves.

After all what do the Mugwumps propose to do about it in case Blaine is made secretary of state? The only way they can make the Republican party feel bad would be to announce their determination to come back into the party. That would make the party sick, of course, but not necessarily kill it.

The resolution of the Union League club of New York, declaring its faith in General Harrison's capacity and purpose to select his own cabinet "regardless of all attempts at dictation or importunity from any quarter" comes as near expressing the sentiments of the Republican party and the country as anything that has been said upon this momentous question.

The New York Star nominates Grover Cleveland for attorney general under President Harrison's administration upon the ground or plea that his appointment to that position "would propitiate the south." We do not understand that the government or the Republican party has offended the south to the extent that it is in order to offer any propitiation. Gen. Harrison will have no southern policy as contradistinguished that section from any other. His views on that subject as expressed to General Chalmers, of Mississippi, and General Longstreet of Georgia, establish that point clearly and unmistakably. It seems to us that there is a deal more of flummery being indulged in on this point than the exigencies of the situation demand or is healthful and beneficial to anybody concerned. Less of it would be infinitely more agreeable to most people, not to say profitable to all. Stop it.

The Chicago Tribune prints a special telegram from Wheeling, W. Va., to the effect that Governor Wilson had determined to issue certificates of election to all four of the Democratic candidates for congress from that state, notwithstanding the election returns on their face show majorities for two of the Republican candidates, and that he had notified the officers of the state militia to be in readiness to respond to a call to service on short notice in anticipation of forcible resistance to his arbitrary action. It is all buncombe. If the governor has given out any such intentions he should be placed in an insane asylum; no sane man would be guilty of such outrageous, lawless proceeding. "One hundred thousand unarmed" citizens might assemble at Wheeling or any other point without menace to the peace of the community, but to talk about call out soldiers to back up and enforce a crazy freak don't go.

St. Louis certainly cannot be as poky and slow-going a town—as much of a municipal graveyard—as the people of Chicago pretend to believe, or a syndicate of their active capitalists would not have paid \$8,000,000 cash for four street railway lines of money. The amount paid is a right smart of money in any part of the world, and your Chicago capitalist, whatever may be his other virtues or vices, never puts his money where he does not think it will bring him a good—in fact the best—return. If the same investment in street railway property in any other city would have paid better than in St. Louis, or even so well, it is quite certain that the money of Chicago would have been invested in the other city. Nor would property of that kind be valuable in any city in which there was no life, and busy, bustling, active people, and a great many of them. The entire street railway system of Kansas City was sold not long ago for a million dollars—only a little more than one-half of a large number sold for in St. Louis.

The president of the recent forestry congress, the Hon. Rufus B. Bullock, has a card in the Atlanta Constitution, telling the whole story of the "negro delegate" incident. The delegate in question was the Rev. Dr. Poindexter, treasurer of the Ohio forestry commission. During his stay in Atlanta he was joined by his colleague, the president of that commission, the Hon. Leo Weltz. No secret was made of his having negro blood in his veins; the fact was "gener-

ally known among the delegates who felt any special interest in the matter." He was an educated man, bearing the commission of a great state, well versed in the subject of the congress's deliberations, and southern delegates, rising above the narrowness of race prejudice treated him accordingly. One of them was the brother of the distinguished governor of Kentucky. "Do you think he was any less a gentleman and a statesman?" asks Governor Bullock. "Are we prepared as a people to advertise ourselves as not equal to the usages of the best circle in Europe and America? Is it not of vital importance to us white people to know, to admit and to act upon the fundamental fact that a man takes rank as an American citizen in all public affairs according to his intelligence and his personal character?"

The people of Philadelphia have adopted the high license policy and reduced the number of saloons within the city limits from 6,000 to 1,300 and find that while the revenue paid into the treasury has materially increased, the number of commitments for crime have materially decreased. Encouraged by the result of the experiment thus far, public opinion tends to a still further reduction in the number with the belief that the revenue derived from them will be greater, and the deleterious influence of the saloon element on society and in politics less. The greatest revenue consistent with the personal liberty of the citizen is the principle upon which the voters of the city are acting, and they are pleased to find at the same time and through the same means that the public morals are improved and that better government is the result. The trend of public sentiment in the old Quaker city is in the right direction. The methods employed in the management of its saloons is having a gratifying effect in the way of educating the people. High license is next best to absolute prohibition in curtailing the retail liquor traffic, and there are some who insist that it is more effective.

At the recent farmers' convention in Wichita it was shown by a number of gentlemen who had made the experiment that the best corn crops have been raised in Kansas from seed grown outside of the state, particularly in the northern latitudes. —Atchison Champion.

It is suggested that the legislature at its next session pass a bill prohibiting the mortgaging of household goods. Such a law would confer a great blessing upon many families who, for the want of a small sum of money, are frequently exposed to want and suffering. —Atchison Champion.

This is one reason for the opening of Oklahoma not yet urged in its behalf—it would provide a place where that class of persons who do not know a good thing when they see it, who are not content with the greatest opportunities possible to an industrious and sagacious American citizen—such as Kansas affords—and who do not seem to know when they are well off—those restless, discontented, nomadic people found in every new state, could migrate to, and where they would be furnished a good chance to "chew the rag of reflection" for a few years. It would, in a word, open the way for Kansas to rid herself of a class who, because of constitutional barriers, will never become Kansans in the true sense of the word. —Atchison Champion.

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Wichita Eagle.

In the article "Fire at Manchester" in today's EAGLE I think some correction is needed. It is stated "some of the leading buildings of the town were burned."

Instead it should be the only business house in the place. Said building was the property of the Manchester Town company and cost about \$1,400; some insurance. In the lower story was the postoffice; also, stock of groceries owned by Joseph McHarg worth \$800; no insurance.

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## EXCHANGE SHOTS.

An Outrageous Nuisance.

State Journal.

The Cherokee Indians appear to do nothing but fight over the immense landed estate which the government has seen fit to give them. They have no moral right to be drawing a big income from an immense tract of land which they cannot use themselves while thousands of American born farmers are lacking homes.

## A Legend of the Ancient Dakotas.

Two women brought to a king a child whom each did claim. Said he: "You are wise the child to bring—the mother I soon will name. Bring to me quick my blade; I'll cleave its limbs in twain." Then one fell down and weeping prayed, "Spare it whole, rather her than slain." But the other stood erect and looked the king in the eye, and said: "Your majesty is correct; let the sword through the younger first." Then did neatly carve the king the single babe in two, and the true mother began to sing, as home from the court she flew; while the king turned about on the dame, who wept like a very shrew, and spake: "You knew when you came that the child would never own you, while the mother rejoiced he is in two."

## Kansas State Finances.

Atchison Champion.

Kansas as a state does its own banking business with its own funds, and bonds. It does not loan its monies to private parties or corporations. Its balances after disbursing the various appropriations remain in the treasury's vaults in Topeka subject to the disposition of the legislature. Whether there will ever come a time when the state on its own account will have a surplus for investments outside of those already provided by the laws is a question. Should such a time come the probability is that the assessments for state taxation would be cut down to the actual demands, thus providing against the contingency of an accumulating surplus of any large amount.

## Mrs. Cleveland's Dress Reform.

New York Herald.

After the lecture Mrs. Cleveland held a levee and there was the liveliest pressing forward by everybody to have the pleasure of a handclasp and a few words with her. She was dressed simply and becomingly in a velvet gown of purplish gray, with a row of white silk, over which the jacket fronts buttoned with a steel ornament. Her bonnet, gloves, box and muff were white. The box and muff were of marabout feathers, and the bonnet white crepe, with soft strings knotted under the chin and held there with a small white pin.

Mrs. Cleveland has not only left off the bustle, but she has brushed back her bang and wears her hair very plainly in soft coils on the top of her head. The Hon. Mrs. Michael Herbert and Mrs. Cleveland had quite a chat, after which Mrs. Herbert presented the English charge d'affaires and the meeting gave pleasure all around. Mrs. Herbert was gray also, a cloth gown made very simply with tall puffs or velvet on the shoulders. Her wrap was of dark plush, bordered with gray fur with toque and muff to match. Mrs. Cleveland changed her afternoon and later drove to the residence of a sick friend to tell her all about it.

## KANSAS KOLLAIR.

Kinsley claims to have discovered both coal and salt.

Jamestown is boasting herself over a 13-year-old mother.

There will be a big wolf hunt northwest of Medicine Lodge on Christmas day.

Attica Masonic lodge will have a public installation of officers and a ball and supper Christmas night.

Twenty cowboys at Taloga, Morton county, as well as thirty others, "confessed religion" during a late revival.

A party has been buying horses at Osage City for shipment to Boston. His last car load of 21 cost him \$192 a head.

The two largest military reservations in the United States, if not in the world, are in Kansas—Fort Leavenworth and Riley.

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Governor Crawford, state agent for Kansas, has just filed a report with Governor Martin, in which he states that he has succeeded in getting with the federal government claims against it in favor of Kansas, amounting to about three-quarters of a million.

There have been about fifty horses in the neighborhood of Colwich died lately. The causes are attributed to smutty, musty and black grain crops. The veterinary surgeons advise everybody to examine their corn carefully, and wash it thoroughly before feeding.

Age does not appear to cool the ardor or ambition of the average denizen of Arkansas City. Wednesday one of her citizens who is within a month of 70 years old was arrested for fighting. It might have been a matter of self-defense, though the traveler failed to say so if it was.

The location of Atchison's union depot is finally definitely and permanently settled. It will be built on the old site and across Third to near Fourth street. This is official and unchangeable. If Leavenworth could now secure its long coveted pontoon bridge the nearest corner of the state would be pretty comfortable, thank you.

## The White House

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UNUSUAL ATTRACTION.

Opening of choice holiday goods; Smyrna, Turkish and hand made India rugs.

New and Beautiful Designs.

Every Piece a Work of Art.

We are making specially low prices on Rugs—Smyrna Rugs. 86c, 108c, 137c, 149c, 162c, 195c. Value—100c, 125c, 175c, 200c, 225c, and 250c. Higher grades from 25 to 50 per cent less than value.

Beautiful moquette rugs at 385c, worth 600c.

PORTIERS.

Portiers, Portiers, Turcomans, Chenille and novelties in Portiers.

Turcoman Portiers Sale—425c for 345c, 500c for 420c, 600 for 515, 650c for 545c, 800c for 630c, 900c for 785c, 1000c for 880c 1100c for 910c.

Chenille Portiers Sale—1600c for 1395c, 1700c for 1480c, 1900c for 1670c, 2000c for 1790c, 2600c for 2250c. These are all choice new goods, purchased especially for the Holiday season.

A very large line of hassocks and foot rests.

Our immense line of lace curtains is without parallel. Nottingham, antique Swiss, Brussels Nett. This sale will commence Monday, Dec. 17.

Just received—A fresh invoice of lace bed sets in antique Nottingham and novelty patterns.

New curtain poles. New curtain poles. Brass, silver, gilt and the different woods.

It pays to trade at the

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INNES & ROSS.

116 to 120 N Main St.

State Auditor McCarthy favors a law requiring returns to be made to that office annually, of the indebtedness on real estate in every county and municipality in the state. He thinks this would stop the false reports that are circulated as to the indebtedness of the state. Anything that will prevent another fool Gallop episode would be acceptable—something is demanded.

There has been a good deal of talk for several months about moving the material from which the Daily Gazette was printed, from Abilene to Salina and receiving the daily issue of that paper. The appearance of the Daily Reflector at Salina will now put a quietus to the first mentioned scheme, since the Reflector seems to fill the requirements laid upon a daily local paper.

Sweet flag (calamus) is claimed by Dr. Haigh, of Grand, Kan., to be an agent that will relieve and stop persistent hiccup in almost any case. He directs the patient to chew a small piece of the root. It has never failed in his hands.

African teak wood weighs from forty-two pounds to fifty-two pounds per cubic foot, works easily, but wears away tools rapidly on account of the quantity of what it is. It contains an oil which prevents the iron in contact with it from rusting.

If water containing lead is passed through a filter of phosphate of lime the lead is completely removed as an insoluble phosphate. A filter of animal charcoal can be used advantageously for this purpose, since it contains largely of calcium phosphate.

According to the statement of a Brazilian physician in Norwalk, Remedies, there are most active agents in the propagation of yellow fever. Other authorities hold these little insects largely responsible for the spread of pulmonary consumption and cholera.

Among the curious facts brought out at the late congress on tuberculosis was that persons who have had smallpox are particularly liable to tuberculosis. H. L. Copeland stated that for this reason persons pitted with smallpox should never be employed around the tuberculous wards of hospitals.

A recent English invention is a corrugated rolled steel wagon tire for use in towns where street cars are run. The object of the invention is to assist the wheel to get out of the ruts, and thus avoid skidding of the wheels and the wrenching of vehicles and horses. The invention consists of what may, perhaps, be described as a series of sloping projections on each side of the felloe of the wheel.

Fred Mather, the well known fish culturist, has been making some very interesting experiments with the minnow, which prove that there are 9,000,000 eggs in an eel. How many of these eggs are hatched has always been, and still is, a mystery. All that is known definitely is that the old eel runs down to salt water in October, and that in the spring swarms of young ones, the size of a darning needle and about two inches long, ascend the rivers.

ATHLETICS AND AQUATICS.

Samuel Ayers is building a forty foot steam launch for a member of the New York Yacht club.

M. J. Russell is overhauling Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry's steam yacht Electra, of the New York Yacht club.

Capt. Shackford, late of Jay Gould's steam yacht Atlanta, is recovering from a long and severe illness. Capt. Shackford lies at the Continental hotel, Philadelphia.

There is a movement on foot to match the champion four oared crew of the West End club of Buffalo against a picked four from Toronto. The match will probably be made in the spring. It is said the Donkey boys of Toronto will be given seats on the Canadian bank.

## THE WHITE HOUSE

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A magnificent Holiday Bazaar filled with Fancy Goods suitable for

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That any trifling remembrance like the following would make things pleasant for another year:  
A Black Faillie Francaise dress.  
A Black Faillie de sol dress.  
A Colored Faillie Francaise dress.  
One of those Directoire French novelty patterns.  
A Tea Gown of fancy cashmere and China silks and crepes.

We will make the price to suit you

Our cloak department offer tempting inducements Flus Sagues, Jackets, Wraps, Cloth Raytous, etc. The best qualities. The best fitting garments ever shown here.  
Ladies fur muffs, boas, capes and caps. Monkey beaver, seal and all popular furs.  
Fine embroidered handkerchiefs, Duchesse lace. 500 dozen of the latest novelties in handkerchiefs.

Special Sale.

50 dozen sheer lawn hemal initial handkerchiefs at a slaughter price of 25 c. each, worth 75 c. each.

A new line of hand run lace scarfs and fichus.

Ladies, no well Disciplined

Husband will refuse to accept for Christmas any one of the articles we mention below. Every girl needs a new and desirable. Silk umbrellas, elegant heavy gold, silver and oxidized handkerchiefs. We show a magnificent line of silk and wool muffs, linen handkerchiefs, hemmed fancy borders, apapose silk, fancy borders, neckwear scarfs, ties, bows, four-in-hand. Hosiery, silk and fan y, cotton and woolen. Genisseu pads, a new Holiday line. Ladies will find special inducements in our line and housekeepers department. Fine table linens and napkins, table cloth and napkins to match. Table scarfs, splashes, biscuit covers, towel, lunch clothes, plush chenille, jute table spreads, piano cover.

50 White California blankets. Fancy wrapper and blanket robes.  
Fancy work department is very complete. Brass novelties, chenille cords, balls, etc. China silks, satin costumes, plushes, etc. All new, unique and very desirable.

Great Doll Sale.

1,000 double-jointed dolls. They will turn their heads, move hands, feet and body in any direction. The price will be 25c each. Call and examine our stock of Holiday attractions.  
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